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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Larry
4 Allen Douglas of Massac County, who passed away on December 17,
5 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Larry Douglas was born to Kenneth Raphael and
7 Mabel Pearl Marlman Douglas; he graduated from Century High
8 School in 1964, where he played basketball; he received his
9 Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from Southern
10 Illinois University in 1968, and later, studied for a master's
11 degree in agricultural economics; he married Diana Chambers on
12 June 23, 1968 at First United Methodist Church in Metropolis;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Larry Douglas served in the United States Air
15 Force from April of 1969 to September of 1972; after basic
16 training at Lackland Air Force Base and training in radiology
17 at Shepherd Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, he was
18 stationed at Scott Air Force Base near Belleville, where he
19 assisted in the treatment of soldiers injured during the
20 Vietnam War; and

21 WHEREAS, After his discharge from the Air Force, Larry
22 Douglas served as the Executive Secretary of the Massac County

1 Farm Bureau from 1973 to 1976; since 1975, he owned and
2 operated a farm in the New Columbia area; he also worked at the
3 Southern Illinois Power Cooperative and was a proud
4 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 702
5 member for 29 years, before retiring in 2008; since retiring,
6 he worked as a reporter for Bristol Broadcasting in Paducah,
7 Kentucky, as a site tech at Fort Massac State Park, and as the
8 Director of Massac County Emergency Management from 2010 to
9 2013; and

10 WHEREAS, When Larry Douglas settled in Massac County in
11 1973, he became active in the local Democratic Party and served
12 for several years as the County Chairman; during his time with
13 the party, a Democratic presidential candidate, Jimmy Carter,
14 carried Massac County for the first time since before the Civil
15 War; President Bill Clinton also twice carried the county; he
16 loved to recall political and family stories and would often
17 recall one of the first times he and his daughter met President
18 Barack Obama at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield in 2003; and

19 WHEREAS, Larry Douglas was committed to public service; he
20 served on the Massac-Metropolis Port District Board since 2009
21 and the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative board since
22 2010; he was a former member of the Illinois State Historical
23 Society board and the Illinois Citizens Utility Board; he was
24 also a member of the Massac County Historical Society, the

1 Metropolis Kiwanis Club, and the Metropolis American Legion;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Larry Douglas was a member of Zion United Church
4 of Christ, where he served in several roles, including being a
5 member of the church council, the fundraising committee, and
6 the sound system committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Larry Douglas is survived by his wife of over 47
8 years, Diana; his sons, Stephen Marlman Douglas and Cory Justin
9 Douglas; his daughter, Tracy Diana Douglas; his granddaughter,
10 Cassandra Leigh Douglas; his 2 sisters, Marlene Loesekam and
11 Ellen (Jim) Wood; his brother, Charles (Sheila) Douglas; his
12 sister-in-law, Georgia Carol Douglas; and several Douglas and
13 Chambers nephews and nieces and cousins; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Larry Allen Douglas, and extend our
17 sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all who knew
18 and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Larry Douglas as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.